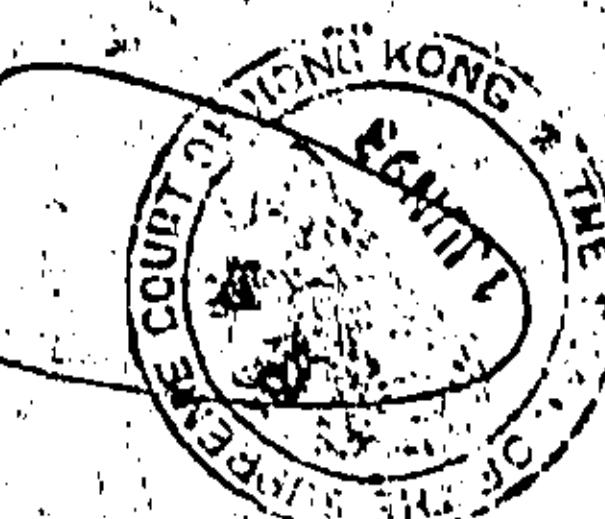




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No. 3458

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1893.

SIX DOLLARS
PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
LATE THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000

BANKERS: LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192]

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:
D. Gillies, Esq. Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
H. Stoltzendorf, Esq. Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai and Amoy.

BANKERS:—The Commercial Bank of Scotland, Paris Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ltd.).

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

CURRENT ACCOUNTS: 2 "

Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [8]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000

CAPITAL CALLED UP £2,500,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. Kerwick, Esq.—Chairman.
Adolf von Andr, Esq. F. D. Sampson, Esq.
Egbert Iverson, Esq. H. D. Stewart, Esq.
David McLean, Esq.HONGKONG COMMITTEE:
The Hon. J. J. Kewick / The Hon. C. P. Chater.
H. Hopkins, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.

Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and Shanghai.

Agencies—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS,
and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained
on application.CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 10th April, 1893. [199]

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

INTEREST ALLOWED
5 per cent. on Fixed Deposits for 12 Months.

" 4 " " 5 "

" 3 " " 2 " Current Account daily balances.

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1893. [571]

NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION,
LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION).

PAYMENT OF SECOND DIVIDEND.

NOTICE is hereby given that a SECOND DIVIDEND of 10 PER CENT. will be PAYABLE ON APPLICATION, at the Office of THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, (IN LIQUIDATION), on and after MONDAY, the 1st June, to all CREDITORS whose Claims have been received and admitted.

E. W. RUTTER,
Attorney for the Liquidator,
New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited,
(In Liquidation).

Hongkong, 29th May, 1893. [618]

MASONIC.

VICTORIA LODGE E.
HONGKONG, No. 262.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 31st instant, at 5 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1893. [604]

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, OF
HONGKONG, No. 1, 165, E.C.

A N EMERGENCY MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, TO-MORROW, the 31st instant, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [601]

ZETLAND LODGE, L.O.D.G.E.,
No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, on THURSDAY, the 1st June, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

Hongkong, 29th May, 1893. [601]

Insurances.

EXAMPLES OF THE COST
OF ASSURANCE TO A MAN AGED 30
NEXT BIRTHDAY.STG. payable at death, would
cost per quarter at the rate of

£ 6 18 s (a) If premiums are payable for

the whole of life;

(b) If premiums are limited to 20

or 25 years;

(c) If premiums are limited to 15

years;

(d) If the sum Assured is made

payable at age 50, or at

death if previous."

Secured payments.

THE same provisions if commenced at age 40

n. h. would cost respectively (a) £815.0,

(b) £11.5.0, (c) £32.4, (d) £7.6.8 per quarter.

DODWELL, CARLILL & CO.,

Agents.

STANDARD LIFE OFFICE

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE

INSURANCE COMPANY OF

NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept

FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on

favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal

to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1893. [415]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,

(LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, 1,000,000, £ 833,333.33-

RESERVE FUND £316,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

LEE SING, Esq. LO YUEN MOON, Esq.

LOU TEO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEI.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1893. [409]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY

LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED £1,000,000

THE above Company is prepared to accept

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken

AT CURRENT RATES to all parts of the

world.

EDWARD ROBINSON,

Hon. Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE, No. 4, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.

Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173]

Intimations.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE SHORT RANGE CUP and SPOONS

will be shot on SATURDAY, the 3rd

June.—Ranges, 500 and 600 yards. Time, 3

P.M.

EDWARD ROBINSON,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 30th May, 1893. [515]

LEGGE'S

GUIDE TO HONGKONG,

UP TO DATE.

PUBLISHED BY WALTER W. BREWER,

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SHANGHAI Walter W. Brewer.

Hongkong, 15th May, 1893. [573]

KING-WO-CHEONG.

COAL MERCHANTS, SHIPS' COMPRA-

DORES, STEVEDORES, &c.

Have for Sale a cargo of pure AKAIKI COAL,

ex GODOWN, and ex SHIP.

MR. J. W. BOUD, Superintendent at

Kowloon Docks, reports that AKAIKI

COAL GIVES TEN PER CENT. BETTER

RESULTS than any Japanese Coal he has ever

seen.

For full particulars as to price, &c.,

Apply to KING-WO-CHEONG,

No. 32, Praya Central.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1893. [187]

THE MIKE COAL MINING COMPANY.

THE MIKE COAL is a

BITUMINOUS COAL

of dark reddish color.

For steam purposes it

has been pronounced to be the best and the

most economical of all the Japanese Coals.

Its export is increasing yearly, and the opinions

expressed by several of the largest regular

consumers are in testimony of the excellent

qualities of this coal.

Attention is called to the following advantages

to Ships' Owners and Captains, who coal their

bunkers direct from the Undersigned:

FRESHNESS of the coal.

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Hongkong, 24th May, 1893. [601]

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Hongkong, 29th May, 1893. [601]

CAPTAIN CH. ROBINSON,

COAL CONTRACTOR,

COMPADEORADE AND STEVEDORE.

SHIPS' VISITING MANILA SUPPLIED

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1893.

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

AERATED WATERS.

WATER.—The Water used is absolutely pure.

STEAM-PLANT.—Of the latest and most powerful type.

SUPERVISION.—The whole process of manufacture is under the continuous supervision of a qualified English Chemist.

THE PRODUCT.—Will bear comparison with the Waters made by the most noted makers in England.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO., LTD.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. [38]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF AERATED WATERS.

OUR NEW FACTORY. has been recently refitted with automatic Steam Machinery of the latest and most approved kind, and we are well able to compete in quality with the best English makers.

The purest ingredients only are used, and the utmost care and cleanliness are exercised in the manufacture throughout.

BOMBAY SODAS.

We continue to supply large bottles as heretofore, *Free of Extra Charge*, to those of our Customers who prefer to have them to the ordinary size.

COAST PORT ORDERS, whenever practicable, are despatched by first steamer leaving after receipt of order.

FOR COAST PORTS. Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Empties when received in good condition.

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Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG."

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The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:

PURE AERATED WATER

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LITHIA WATER

SARSAPARILLA WATER

TONIC WATER

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GINGER ALE

RASPBERRYADE

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED,
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While the editor of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be ready to consider any communication of general interest, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

DEATH.

At the Glenties, Carter Road, Shanghai, on the 26th May, 1893, MARCUS EDWIN TOWELL (late Deputy Commissioner of I. M. Customs); aged 51 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1893.

TELEGRAMS.

NEW SOUTH WALES AND VICTORIA DECLINE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

LONDON, May 29th.

The Cape Government has proposed a scheme, the object of which was to tender financial assistance to Victoria and New South Wales by offering to invest in their stocks, or in their unissued loans. The offer was gratefully declined.

PEACE POPPED UP BY ARMS.

The Emperor of Austria at a reception of Delegates stated that the friendliest relations continue to exist between Austria and the other Powers, and that circumstances favouring peace remain unimpaired; nevertheless, a progressive increase in the defensive power of the nation is absolutely necessary.

FEVER AT ALDERSHOT.

Scarlet fever is alarmingly prevalent at Aldershot; many regiments have been attacked.

THE FRANCO-SIAMESE TROUBLE.

A French column has relieved Khone. There was but little fighting. The besiegers, mostly Laoians, were led by Siamese Mandarins.

FRANCE AND DAHOMEY.

General Dodds has been ordered to again proceed to Dahomey.

MORE FRENCH STATE TRIALS.

The Chamber of Deputies has authorised the prosecution of the Deputy Baudin, on account of the incidents of 1st May, by 276 votes to 194.

FRANCE AND SIAM.

May 21st.

The Siamese Ambassador has assured the Government that the Court of Bangkok entertains the most friendly feelings towards France, and that the attack on the French troops at Khone was nothing but a rising of lawless Laot tribes, whose action is disowned by Siam.

THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA.

The Supreme Court of the United States has affirmed the constitutional legality of the Geary Act.

BOHEMIA.

The Bohemian Diet has broken up in immense disorder.

SPAIN.

The Republican Deputies have refused to attend the sittings of the Cortes.

THE ALMIGHTY KAISER.

The Emperor William is taking part in the election campaign.

ENGLAND AND SIAM.

May 23rd.

The Standard publishes despatches (?) from Bangkok asking England to intervene in the dispute between France and Siam.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The adjourned meeting of the Legislative Council will be held on Friday (2nd June) at 3 p.m., instead of Thursday, as previously arranged.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Nagasaki at 7 a.m. yesterday, and left again at 4.30 p.m. on the same day for Vancouver, via Kobe and Yokohama.

TELEGRAPHIC intelligence reached Yokohama on the 15th inst., to the effect that a most destructive fire had raged at Atacho on that date. Nine hundred houses, including a Police Station, Post Office and the Town Offices, were destroyed.

THE leader of the gang of burglars implicated in the gigantic stamp robbery, which took place at Ibaraki, Japan, some time since, was arrested at Tokyo on the 16th inst.; the others having been previously captured. The value of the stamps "annexed" was yen 100,000.

THE appointment of Mr. Sone Arasaka, late Vice-President of the House of Representatives, as Japan's Minister Plenipotentiary to France has been officially notified. Mr. Arasaka replaces the Viscount Nomura and will also represent Japan at the Courts of Spain and Portugal.

THE British steamer *Opeack*, Capt. D. Davies, reported on arrival here this morning that a bark showing the code R. V. N. S.—was passed in lat. 12.20 north and long. 110.40 east on the 27th inst., signifying that damage had been sustained from a recent hurricane. The bark is from New York to Hongkong.

A TELEGRAM has been received at the Head Office of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha stating that the *Mino Maru*, now ashore near Hakodate, is in a hopeless position consequent upon the heavy gale of the 16th inst. The vessel is full of water and is being stripped. The loss to the Company is estimated at from sixty to seventy thousand yen.

BROTHER POLLACK returned to the colony today from British North Borneo by the *Hawson*. Our learned friend says that legal business in Sandakan just now isn't worth a pence!—France, O.C. would have said, in his own persuasive, delicate way, "isn't worth a damn"; but that doesn't matter—and that he would rather swim at the Peak than swim in Elephra.

THE Japanese Standing Squadron, consisting of the *Maitsushima Maru*, *Chiyoda Maru*, *Takachi Maru*, and *Tobu Maru*, leaves on a cruise to the various ports in the East early in June. According to present arrangements the squadron is to visit China first, Korea afterwards, and thence to Vladivostok. A vernacular paper states, however, that the vessels will probably be sent across to Korea before coming to Chinese ports.

A CRICKET match, H.M.S. *Impudente* versus the Kobo Cricket Club, was played in that port on the 22nd inst. and resulted in an easy win for the visitors.

THE P. M. S. C. steamship *Perry*, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 13th inst., has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port to-morrow at noon.

The steamship *Glenesk*, Capt. R. D. Jones, which arrived here this forenoon, reports having passed on the 18th inst. in lat. 5 deg. 41 north, long. 93 deg. 15 east, the four masted ship *Cowdy of Edinburgh* "all well."

It would seem that the China Navigation Coy.'s steamer *Whampoa* was floated off the rocks nose too soon, for she had scarcely been in that mud three hours before such bad weather came on that, had the steamer remained in her exposed position, she must have gone to pieces. She is expected to arrive in Shanghai in a few days.

ADVICE from Tientsin state that owing to the rain and consequent flourishing appearance of the summer crops in Chihli province, it has been decided by the high authorities to stop receiving further subscriptions for the famine districts of that province, and that the surplus of the famine fund will be devoted to relieving the wants of the sufferers in Shanxi.

ACCORDING to latest advice from Japan the Korean correspondent of the *Yomi Shimbun* telegraphed to Tokio on the 20th instant that the negotiations between Korea and Japan, with reference to the indemnity claimed in connection with the prohibition of export of beans, had been amicably concluded on the 19th instant.

THE *Straits Independent* of May 20th says:—"The Stanley 'Awfuls' are at Bombay, where they have produced another burlesque from the pen of Mr. L. A. Massa, the putative author of so many of Mr. Stanley's successes in this line. The new piece is called 'The Naulakha,' and is the 'Glory of the East,' and is a burlesque on Rudyard Kipling and Wolcott Balester's novel with the above title."

BERLIN von Hamburg.—Did you ever been at der schwimmung accident yesterday?—Count von Deutschermann.—Yawn!

E. W. H.—How was it you did not a Belly?

C. V. D.—Because I was on a game party

two of it; they got some braves to revive him, and when nobody was looking I revived myself!

THE Japanese vernacular paper *Hochi* of the 15th inst. statuishes that two foreigners who attempted to ascend Fuji some time previously had not since been heard of. They were accompanied by four coolies, and as none of the latter have turned up either, our contemporary dolefully opines that something serious has occurred. Their names and nationality are unknown, but the *Hochi* surmises that they are British for the reason that the people of that nation like to do that which is distasteful to others, and glory in their vigour!

UNDER a recent date a Canton correspondent writes as follows to the *N. C. Daily News*:—Owing to over half-a-million taels having already been subscribed by the wealthy merchants and gentry of Canton towards the famine funds of the provinces of Chihli and Shantung the unfortunate people for aid to Shantung has received no encouragement, and as the high provincial authorities cannot compel any one to subscribe towards a benevolent object, and for fear lest the Throne should show disapproval at the apathy displayed in this connection, H. E. Li Han-chang, the Viceroy of the Two Kuang provinces, and Kang Yi, the governor of Kuangtung, gave orders at the end of last month to the Civil and Military Pay offices at Canton to deduct forty per cent. of the pay for the ad modum of all government employees, from the Viceroy down to the meanest soldier in the ranks. The authorities pretend in their report to the Central Government that this novel way of contributing towards a famine fund "met the joyful approval of every one concerned;" but the writer is sure that hold bare more than grumbling, especially amongst the poorer exasperated officials and soldiery, at this arbitrary way of enforcing a subscription, as the last two classes just named depend entirely upon their scanty pittance to keep body and soul alive during each month. Something like Tls. 216,000 have been gathered by this "voluntary" contribution and, of course, none but the promoters of the scheme expect to gain Imperial approval by it.—On about the 1st instant a large tiger made its appearance near Halanghan, near Macau, and soon many pigs and oxen belonging to the neighbouring villages were missing from their accustomed haunts. The building of bonfires or gun-firing during the night time having apparently no effect on the "King of the Mountains," a band of one hundred and twenty men was collected, armed with guns, spears, and three-pronged forks, and it was determined to attack the beast in his lair in a neighbouring hill. This was done, but it was not until two men were killed and five wounded, that they succeeded in killing the tiger, which turned out to be a male of very large proportions. The money obtained from the sale of the tiger's bones, fat, flesh, and skin, amounted to over \$200, and half of this was given to the families of the dead and wounded hunters.

THE police had no objection.

Two letters were read, from Commander Ashe (President of the Seamen's Club Committee) and the Commodore, objecting to a licence being granted to the Club, as men would be induced to go to the public-house after the Club was closed, and on returning to the Club for the night would create disturbance.

On these grounds the application was refused.

Dr. R. M. Boyd resumed his duties as Consul-General for the United States at Bangkok on May 17th.

HE CHANG LIEN-KUEI, Governor of Kuangtung, arrived at Shanghai on the 25th inst. from Tientsin en route to his post.

MR. M. BOYD BRETON, who has recently returned from three years' leave, has been appointed Commissioner of Customs at Chefoo.

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ACCORDING

surprising celebrity, the closing scene taking place at 9 a.m.

A great many Siamese and Chinese of both sexes witnessed the execution from various colons of vantage, a number selecting the surrounding trees. Not the least noticeable incident was the extranxly rapid speed with which these spectators left the scene of the ghastly ceremony, for within three or four minutes after the execution not a soul remained on the ground.

THE HOUSE-BOAT ESCAPADE.

GREENLAW'S AGREEMENT.

In last night's issue we gave some particulars of the doings in the North of a man named Greenlaw, his chartering a house-boat, and the sequel of that ill-fated enterprise, capped by the mysterious disappearance of the German sailor, Glendwinkel. In referring to these occurrences the *N. C. Daily News* of the 26th inst. says:—

We refrained from saying anything more about the Greenlaw matter yesterday, as we had some reason to believe that the police had it in hand to telegraph to Hongkong to arrest Devers alias Greenlaw and Alexander there, but it is reported that the British and German Consulates and the police are taking no steps at all. It has been stated that no charge has been brought against Greenlaw in the British Court, but this is explained by the fact that when M. Gaillard went there on Monday he found that being Whit Monday it was a holiday at the Court, but he distinctly states that the Consul, Mr. G. Jamison, and the Captain-Superintendent of Police, Capt. McEuen, promised him that the two men should not be allowed to get away; and they got away the same night. It is difficult to reprobate sufficiently such laxity as this, which practically amounts to a denial of justice.

Our readers will no doubt be interested in seeing a copy of the contract that was made between M. Gaillard and Mr. De Vers and his friends for the hire of the former's boat. Mr. De Vers endorsed the contract for himself and friends under yet another alias, that of "J. Valentine and Co."

Articles of agreement entered into this 16th day of May, 1893. Between Gaillard Jeune et le fils, the first part and Harry de Vre, Captain Howard J. Chandler of the second part:—

"Whereas the party of the first part supplies one house boat with all necessary gear, eating utensils, stove, sails, anchor and chain and one Chinaman (sic), who shall be responsible in every respect for damage or breakages; and the party of the first part agrees to rent the said boat for a term not less than two months; and not to exceed four months; at the rate of eighty dollars fifty cents per month; Money payable in Mexican dollars the 25th day of each month.

"And that the parties of the second part have all right and power to sail said boat over any river or stream within 150 miles of Shanghai, or where they may see fit. And we promise to abide by the advice of the Chinaman in charge in relative to the weather and sea, and shall in no wise endanger the boat by so doing, if we do we are responsible for all damage."

It will be seen that no "stranger" was given to take the boat to sea, and that the Chinese *kado* was to be consulted as to where the boat could safely go; while one of the first acts of Greenlaw or De Vers was to put all the Chinamen ashore. We may mention that in a letter written by Greenlaw to M. Gaillard after the former's return to Shanghai he mentions that no cartridges had been used, whereas a number of cartridges were missing, and both barrels of the gun had been discharged. How in the face of this, of the condition of the boat when it was bought back, and of the known character of Greenlaw, the German Consul-General could profess himself satisfied with Greenlaw's account of the disappearance of the German sailor whom he took on the boat, we cannot understand.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

The Peking field force and the Palace guard regiments were reviewed on the 16th instant by Pei-ssu Mu, the Prince Mu of the 3rd grade, near the Chih-pu Park. The total number of rank and file amounted to 19,086 Manchus.

Owing to the incessant rains that have been deluging the prefectures of Kungs Chow, Tsao-ching and Hulchow, not only is there prospect of an immediate famine through inundation of the rice fields, &c., but the weather has undermined and sapped the foundations of many houses in the different cities, and many lives have been lost lately through falling houses and walls.

One of the largest and wealthiest of the Taoist temples at Hangchow, called the "Pao Chi Kuan," was consumed by fire on the night of the 12th inst. The premises during the time the Taiping rebels held the city were used by them as a stable and cavalry barracks, and for many years subsequently lay partially in ruins, until 1889, when some of the gentry of the city spent something like Tls. 60,000 in restoring the temple. The loss amounts to something over Tls. 20,000.

A number of Yangtze men bringing with them a large quantity of salt, which had not paid duty, made their appearance recently in the vicinity of the native city at Shanghai and endeavoured to force a number of boatsmen to carry the contraband goods across the river to a point at Foo-tung. Th. latter refused and a dispute ensued, but a number of the heating population on the river side having come to the rescue of their comrades and the near approach of a gunboat made the smug *clerk*s over 200 in number, thinking better of it, and shouldering their loads they made for the point from whence they had come—towards the West gate.

A young boy nine years of age whose parents live at the Bubbling Well village, Shanghai, on the 10th instant got into a creek or ditch near by and somehow or other managed to drown himself, although the water only came up to his hips. Everything was done to resuscitate the poor boy, but unsuccessfully. At last one man said that he had seen a child under similar circumstances restored by riding it on a water buffalo. As a *derrier* *ready* this was done and the child was walked off across four hours on the Bubbling Well road that day, but of course as it had already been too far gone when the body was found, this last process was just as ineffectual as the others.

The work of repairing the Grand Canal embankments at Yau-tao, towards which the Viceroy appropriated Tls. 60,000 at the beginning of this year, and which was stopped awhile owing to the death of Li Tso-tai, the Director of Works, last month, has been going on apace since the appointment of the deceased official's successor, An-yang Tso-tai, so that it is expected to be finished within the next fortnight. As the embankments and dykes that have been repaired stretch through four *hong*s or districts, an idea of the difficulty of the task may be formed and the rapidly shows in finishing this work so quickly is exceedingly creditable to the officials who have worked day and night on them. The

Viceroy has therefore memorialized the Throne asking for rewards to be given to the most energetic and deserving of the officers.

A junk laden with salt fish bound on a voyage from Ningpo to Foochow, while yet within sight of the Chinthal fort and inside Flagstaff Island, was attacked on the 6th instant by a pirate-junk, and although the crew, in h. s. that some war-junk or gun-boat in Chinthal harbour might come to the rescue, made a desperate resistance, they were at last over-powered, losing two men shot dead and five badly wounded. I with sword cuts. None of the cargo was touched but the plates took away over \$300 in silver and all the clothes of the passengers and crew, valued at another \$300. One came to the aid of the unfortunate crew although one steam gunboat and two sailing war-junks were snugly lying inside Chinthal harbour and the shots fired between the conflicting junks could easily be heard by the people on shore.

A large boat laden with goods belonging to thirteen traders from Tchoukiang, while sailing up stream for Tientsin on the 8th inst. and while tacking across the river, was run into by a downward bound junk, striking it amidships and sinking the boat with five minutes. During the confusion arising from the collision, a number of coolies on the river bank got into sampans, ostensibly to save the sinking cargo, but in reality to rob the poor traders of their all. Some of them, however, preferred their goods to sink rather than that they should go to enrich unprincipled rogues, so three of the traders got hold of woodchoppers and by chopping off the fingers of some of the coolies prevented a wholesale plunder. Fortunately a couple of life-saving boats appeared on the scene and aided in the salvage. No lives were lost and only a tenth of the cargo was saved, while another tenth went to the coolies. The traders and owners of the sunken boat have to get their suit at the Tientsin Chinese *yamen* and the colliding junk has since been arrested.

SIAM NOTES.

Bangkok, 17th May, 1893.

Mr. B. M. Whithard, the newly arrived agent of the Sapphires and Rubies of Siam, Limited, left Bangkok for Chantaboon yesterday morning.

We learn that some seven or eight vessels living in the river are detained on heavy demurrage. This is said to be on account of the difficulty of obtaining cargo rapidly enough or in sufficient quantities.

We understand that a most dastardly crime was committed in Bangkok on Sunday evening, the victim being Khon Apai Bhiaf, a minor of the International Court or Sam Tang Pratet. The unfortunate man was sitting quietly in his house about 8 p.m. when he was shot through the heart by a concealed assassin, who fired through a crevice in the wooden wall of the house. No reason can be assigned for this cowardly crime, and the identity of the murderer, who is still at large, is unknown.

An amusing case was heard before Mr. French at the British Consulate on Saturday. A Siamese girl who had very impudently married a tailor, having fled from her lawful wedded husband immediately after the nuptials, and taken up her abode with another Lothario, the enraged husband, accompanied by eleven brother tailors, went to the house and created an uproar. The "lady of the house" whose husband it was to bring the twelve tailors to justice, produced a couple of witnesses to prove that they had so made disturbance. Mr. French very discreetly dismissed the charge.

May 20th.

In the event of necessity arising, it is understood that H. B. M. gunboat *Swift* will afford protection to Germans as well as British residents here, as the German Government do not consider the occasion so serious as to warrant the despatch of a vessel to Bangkok.

Mr. Rovsing has been appointed by the Minister of Public Works to proceed to the Korat district and report on the desirability of extending the Naga Rajesvara State Railways in the direction of Nong Khal and Ubon, and expects to leave here on Tuesday. Mr. Rovsing was to have had an audience of his Majesty the King last evening.

In connection with the case recently reported, of an old woman (Siamese) dying from injuries occasioned by a fall in endeavouring to escape from a cow, the daughter of the woman sought to recover \$100 from the owner of the cow, in the French Consular Court yesterday, as damages for the loss of her mother. Prior to the woman's death, the same Court had adjudged her 15 taels for injuries sustained. Yesterday Mr. Tilke appeared for the daughter, who was adjudged 240 taels.—*Bangkok Times*.

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